

PROJECT STATUS REPORT				REPORTING PERIOD November 1955	
NOTE: See instructions on reverse side.					
2. CRYPTONYM		3. DIVISION OR BRANCH		4. COUNTRY	
A. PROJECT GRCROOND	B. SUB-PROJECT	EE/A		TARGET Austria	BASE Austria
				5. APPROVAL ORIGINAL	DATE 7 Aug 53
				LAST RENEWAL	
		ROOM NO. 2305 K	EXTENSION 8391	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	
7. TYPE OF PROJECT					
8. PERSONNEL					
STAFF AGENTS		None		None	
CONTRACT PERSONNEL		None		None	
9. FUNDS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR					
A. CURRENT PROJ. CEIL.		B. CUM. ALLOTMENT		C. EST. CUM. OBLIGATIONS	
, 95,100		, 40,000		, 6,578.56	

10. a. Action Reported by Field:

(1) Evasion and Escape

Three candidates for GRCREPAIR line segment chiefs have been assessed and the case officer plans to recruit them after favorable personal assessments. (GRCREPAIR is a central segment of the E & E line.)

The Field replied to Headquarters' statement, mentioned in October's Project Status Report, that too many E & E recruitments are planned. The Field feels that requirements placed upon CIA and the Station's work in planning for and carefully assessing E & E candidates both justify the continuance of E & E recruitments. Headquarters is presently engaged in discussing again the advantages and disadvantages of such continued action and a dispatch will be sent to the Field soon.

Action Reported by Headquarters:

- (1) Headquarters has completed and is sending copies of 20 Cache Folders (11 Sabotage caches, 9 Air Reception caches) to both Munich and London. The 20 caches are those which were emplaced this past summer in Austria.
- (2) Following up the Headquarters dispatch dealing in specifics of the conduct of the GRDAGGER project, mentioned in October's Project Status Report, another Headquarters dispatch on GRDAGGER has been sent. This dispatch discusses in more general terms the present activity and anticipated future status of the GRDAGGER group. (GRDAGGER is a PM organization with 20 members located in eastern and central Austria.)

d. Security Factors:

The Field, in its dispatch mentioned in paragraph a. (1) above, states that the security risks involved in additional E & E recruitments at this time are not a major cause for concern and do not constitute reason enough to reduce this activity. The Field's attitude is that the humanitarian appeal of E & E activity together with a strict adherence to compartmentation practices provide reasonable protection from possible security compromise.

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10 G. Hot War Potential

Project GRCROOND consists of two Guerrilla Warfare organizations (GRLAUNCH and GRDAGGER), an Escape and Evasion line (GRBLAMED, GRBATIK, GRPIGLET, GRGIVING and GRREPAIR), and several single agent spotters and recruiters.

- a. Project activity. Our goal in all paramilitary activities is to provide no more than a solid nuclei for wartime expansion. Currently, PM activity in Austria is directed towards developing E & E organization nuclei. In general, we are maintaining the status quo of GW organizations. The GRDAGGER organization consists of 20 persons who could reasonably be expected to become an immediate wartime nuclei for guerrilla warfare. We estimate that the GRDAGGER organization will expand to approximately 250 persons six months after war starts. GRDAGGER is formed of members of an SPOe oriented trade union of 40,000 members, many of whom can be considered as potential candidates for resistance groups in time of war.

The GRLAUNCH organization consists of 40 individuals possessing varying degrees of knowledgeability regarding the organization and its aims. It is estimated that this group will expand into resistance groups totalling about 200 persons within six months after the start of war.

The E & E line organizations possess a total of 11 active agents with a reserve force of 15 now-inactive former agents. It is intended to fully assess an additional 30 persons for work in these organizations and to recruit a presently undetermined number of the 30 for positions of wartime managers, W/T operators, and line segment chiefs.

- b. Stayability. The basis of all PM activity in Austria is to acquire assets who possess stayability. All of the agents in the GW organizations possess stayability except the principal organizers. Of the 11 agents recruited for the E & E nets, 7 have stayability and 4 are organizers who will be evacuated in wartime. All future agents except perhaps one or two additional organizers in the E & E nets will have stayability.
- c. Flexibility. The GW organizations will be expected to assist the E & E nets by manning sections of the E & E routes, and by setting up contact, removal and safe areas. It is expected that E & E assets can be called on for other tasks such as intelligence reporting, assistance to GW organizations, etc., although in general, the E & E assets are, and will be, less flexible than GW assets. Although W/T agents are developed

for specific organization jobs, we expect, in wartime, to pool all Austrian W/T staybehind assets and to use them where needed the most.

- d. Communications. At the present time, there are 17 PM W/T caches emplaced as follows: GRDAGGER, 4 sets for 3 operators; GRRLAUNCH, 6 sets for 3 operators; GRGIVING, 2 sets for 1 operator; and 5 blind W/T sets. In addition to the 7 W/T operators mentioned above, 4 W/T operators are in training or have been spotted as W/T assets for the E & E lines. The goal is to cache two W/T sets for each trained W/T operator. We also have reconnoitered (principally by GRRLAUNCH/2) about 20 Landing and Drop Zones, and have emplaced 9 Air Reception caches. It is felt that, with the above communication assets, requirements such as funding, supplies, and contact can be maintained.
- e. Contacts. It is planned that the chief organizers of the GW and E & E organizations will be evacuated in wartime and manage their nets from a safe area. These chief organizers will be able to provide the names of numerous pro-Allied contacts within Austria.